

REMARKS

In the Office action mailed on July 1, 2005, claims 1, 6, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dobeck ('992).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Dobeck fails to teach or suggest the linkage structure recited in independent claim 1. Claim 1 recites: "each linkage structure including a first sheet member configured for attachment to the rail structure, a second sheet member configured for attachment to the guide track of the table saw, and a fastening device for rigidly sandwiching the first and second sheet members in parallel together." The Office action refers to panel 41 and 43 as corresponding to the two linkage structures. The Office action also refers to track 22 as a "rail structure." However, neither panel 41 or panel 43 is connected to track 22. Therefore, Dobeck fails to teach or suggest a positioning system in which the linkage and structure includes a first sheet member configured for attachment to a rail structure. Further, Dobeck fails to teach or suggest a linkage device in which a "second sheet member" is configured for attachment to a guide track of a table saw.

As recited in claim 1, the linkage device connects a guide track to a rail structure. One of the sheet members is attached to the guide track. The other sheet member is attached to the rail structure, and then the two sheet members are clamped together in parallel. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed linkage structure. Neither Dobeck or any of the other references of record teach or suggest the recited linkage structure. Therefore, the claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has cancelled claims 11 and 12 to simplify prosecution but reserves the right to pursue these claims in a subsequent application. Applicant has also added new

claims 13-21. New independent claim 13 corresponds to original claim 2, amended into independent form, which the Office action stated would be allowable.

Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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